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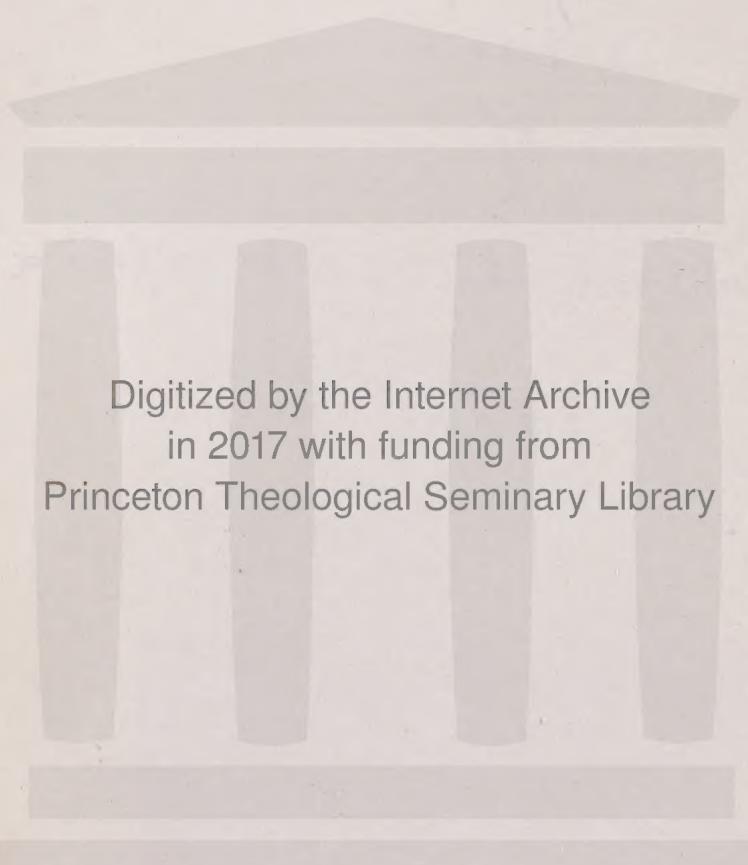
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Robert Hamill ✓ Nassau

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Rev. R. H. Nassau, D. D.,

Batanga, Gaboon,

West Africa.

Rev. Dr. H. Nassau

Rec'd Nov. 30th 1904
Dated Oct 15th
From
Prof. Libbey

Drawing

[Praising my
book, "Fossils"]



Princeton, N. J., October 15th, 1904.

My dear Dr. Nassau : -

I want to congratulate you on the appearance of your book. I received a copy a day or two ago, with a pleasant inscription from yourself, which adds to its value in my estimation. I certainly can have a share in the rejoicing at its publication, since I had so much to do in urging you to bring these stories of African superstition into book form. The book itself is very attractively gotten up, and does great credit to the publishers; and you already know my estimate of the contents of the book.

We have been in our new house for several weeks, and are gradually getting settled down, although there is a great deal to be done yet.

I had a letter from Mr. Hand a short time ago, stating that he thought you would like to have the Review of Reviews, and I wrote him asking him to see that it was sent to your address, and I hope that it will come regularly and be of service to you.

All join me in kind wishes to you, and in the hopes that your health will continue good during this coming stay in Africa.

I am,

Yours very truly,

William Libbey -

To -

Rev. R. H. Nassau, D.D.,
Batanga,
Gaboon, West Africa.

Form 397.

RETURN AFTER FIVE DAYS TO

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.



Rev. Robt W. Nassau, D. D.,
Batanga,
Kamerun,
W. Africa.

Rec'd. Feb'y 11 1905
dated Dec. 10th 1904

from
Dr. J. Brown
(with his
favorable
critique)
[on
"Zetechia m"]



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useful service for God and for his fellow-men, he quietly fell asleep in his own home and among his loved ones, his life's work done and well done. The heritage of such a life is rich indeed. May God raise up a worthy successor to take his place in the councils of the world.

Enc.

Sincerely yours,

John J. Hoban

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December 10th., 1904.

The Rev. Robert H. Nassau, D.D.,
Batanga, Kamerun, W. Africa.

My dear Dr. Nassau:

I have often thought of you since you returned to the field. I hope you arrived safely and in good health.

I have recently had very great pleasure in reading your book "Religion in West Africa". I enclose a review in the Pittsburgh Leader of November 3, 1904. I have just written a review myself for publication in the New York Observer. It may be two or three weeks yet before it will published and I enclose a copy herewith:-

We are in deep sorrow here by reason of the death of the Rev. William M. Paxton, D.D., LL.D., the senior member of the Board. He had been a member of the Board since 1861 and during those forty-three years had shown himself a man of unusual ability, breadth of sympathy, soundness of judgment and fervor of missionary conviction. You doubtless know that he was for seventeen years pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of New York City, and that under his leadership that congregation became famous for its large gifts to missions. In 1893 he became professor in Princeton Theological Seminary where he remained until his death the morning of November 20th, at the advanced age of nearly eighty-one. He was a man of rare sweetness and beauty of Christian character and we sorely miss him. He was the Chairman of the Committee of the Board which nominated me to the Secretaryship nearly ten years ago and on my arrival in New York he was kind enough to take a deep personal interest in me. I was frequently in his home and I came to love him as a father. And yet we ought not to mourn his departure for he lived to a good old age and after an eminently



Rev. Mr. Hammel, Hausey: S.T.D

American Mission

Batauga

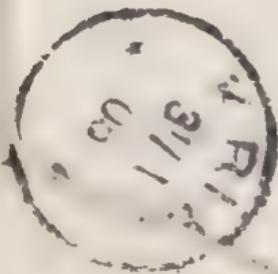
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H. SCHNELLE, HOF-TRAITEUR

Bismarck-Platz, am Hauptbahnhof.

TELEGRAMME: UNIONHOTEL, DRESDEN.

8 January 1905

Dear Uncle.

We had hoped to have
a letter from you from England
or else from some other friend
or wife but knowing that you
did not come positive is a long
time we were not surprised
at not hearing from you then
but as time goes on I can
not help wondering why do not
have the promised letters. All
we hear are so promptly
forwarded from London Spring files
and Berlin - that I can not

make on. stay ⁽³⁾ there pleasant. It was gratifying to me to be able to state - 'Here is a book - my Uncle has sent - not to be obtained in America and one which King Leopold tried to suppress'. Thank you many times.

I hope your trips Eastward and Southward were most comfortable and pleasant.

By this time you are probably enjoying summer heat and the loveliness with Martin. Please I am sure you must have enjoyed the warm welcome promised you. How happy and different it all must be from travelling in Europe give us such new impressions - make us feel like picking ourselves with pride to see if we b

are in - or dreaming - to see if the people are all white and we see still in so calle. civilization - and what comforts we have do not well compensate for by others we do not have at home. - However, feels a little surprised at finding ourselves on "sea" the suggestion of a year ago at first seems a mere castle in the air but it is medicine. Took plane as though at the last ten days before sailing - I was most unwilling to take the step - of definitely - regarding our stalemate - and paying the passage money - we finally made the decision - the ship was cast - he had a delightful voyage - the ocean was the middle -

will be very soon ⁽²⁾ from you here.
been told that my boat will be
paid. The ice fasted facilities will
be wonderful — Mabel receives here
in Dresden a letter posted in
Washington nine or ten days before
that occurs. Seal - Rapid transit surely
especially in winter —

I have not written again to you
myself and I am sorry - for I
wishes to send my "bester Dank"
for your most kind response to
my inquiry in regard to the Kansas
Free State — I was delighted with
the book and most pleased by
your kind assistance to be of
such service to the friends who have
done so much in opposing force to



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TELEGRAMME: UNIONHOTEL, DRESDEN.

Very well now of us we
are - Amelie's cousin Mr Robert
Fox - a brother of the one you
met first at the post office telegraph
two days before we sailed that
he would cross with us - He
arrives in Berlin with us - then
to Hamburg in a week to next
He looks of going to Egypt or Japan
-& may start before long -
See then our little party will
have again - its first - symmetrical
proportion - four weeks a very
pleasant number - See
stopper, only, in Hamburg.
(With a visit to quaint old Holzhausen)

between the British Isle & France —
— but now here & am defin-
ite to the future and now telling
you how much we have enjoyed
fascism in West Africa — Our
is an English copy we sent for
through a bookseller. About the
time it arrived she noticed in a
Portuguese daily — a short account
of your book — which she gave us
— and which Mother forwarded to
you — The following Sunday at
the American Church — a visiting
clergyman made mention of this
article — drawing some lessons
from it. — When through the rectors
wife he learned that we were
related to the author he asked
to be presented — wishing to hear
more of you — and of the book.

— I am afraid the Outlook will
not reach you regularly — We did
not get there for a month having
written to the Outlook not to forward
them while we were in transit
— There they came all at once
— with a magazine number missing
— The people in the hotel here are
so rage to read them since of
the Americans I mean — that unless
we hurry them right off they
get a little worn I fear
I sent you a little earlier
at this time — It will reach
you very late — but it carries
much fun — & I hope you will
find some pleasure in it. I hope
it will much fun & no all
the more affectionately yours
Much fun to you & your dear
Mrs. address in the sea Scotland
Care Bank of Scotland
19 Bishops St. London E.C.

on our way here & travelling in
order is more or less unknown
as we all have Dresden - we
right go on to Italy to see
out - the season they have been ^{already} always
unpredictable in its severity are
- small, one is better protected
from cold - in a northern country
when they prepare for it and
Especially than in the South where
they ^{and wife} have so little of it that it -
does not enter largely into their
plans as provision for comfort -
— A little late in shall go
South via Münich ~~and~~ ^{and} Bonn Botzen
— to the Italian Lake Garda -
— There we plan to give
three months to Italy & Sicily
— a month to Switzerland.
— & to divide the rest on sea

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Rev R. H. Hassan Esq.

Batavia

East Indies

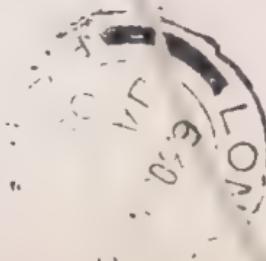
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IRVINE & DUNDAS.

TELEGRAMS:
"APATIM", LIVERPOOL

TELEPHONE
206 CENTRAL.

34 Castle Street,
Liverpool 3rd Jan. 1905.

Rev. R. H. Nassau, D. D.,
Batanga,
West Africa.

Dear Dr. Nassau:-

Just a few lines to say that I hope you have arrived
out in comfort and in health and found that your work has not gone back
during your absence in America.

I want also to say that I have had very much pleasure in
reading your recently issued book on "Feticism", and that has led me to
desire to read any other of the books you have published if I knew
their names, and where they are to be had. I have one you gave me
thirty years ago, "Crowned in Palm Land"; I think that is the title,
but I am dictating at my office and cannot quite recall it, you will,
however, of course, know the one I mean, but any others of your books I
shall obtain and expect much pleasure from.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season.

I am, dear Dr. Nassau,

Yours very truly,

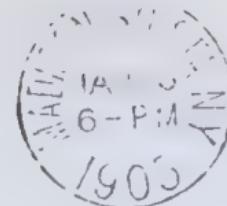
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From
my cousin,
Mr. Samuel Mc. Hamill.

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Rev. Dr. Robert Hamill Nassau,

Batangas,

Cameras,

Co American Pres. Mission, W. A.

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dated Dec. 13 1904

From
Lorenz
Sam. Hacmill



Answer



[Phaëcia of my
"Zetichiam"]

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Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 13, 1904.

Rev. Dr. Robert Hamill Nassau,

My dear Cousin Hamill:-

You may be interested in the enclosed copy of order to Charles Scribner's Sons. I am sending your book to a number of my friends, together with my Christmas greetings. To some of them I am giving a little sketch of your work.

I dined the other evening with Arthur Scribner and he told me that your book has been very favorably criticised. They themselves have been very much interested in it.

I have been very much interested in it and am indebted to you for giving me the pleasure I have experienced in reading it.

I regret very much that I did not see more of you when in this country. I heard recently that you were in the Adirondacks, quite near us. If I had known it I would most assuredly have written you to stop over here on your return South.

Walter Lowrie of China was here the other Sunday and gave us a splendid talk on the subject of his work in China. I knew him when a boy and he is the only fellow with whom I ever roomed so that I was particularly interested in seeing him.

Charles N. Lowrie has been here frequently of late in connection with some landscape work which he is doing for us. He is a fine fellow and through him I have kept pretty close track of you.

There has been little change in this country since you left. The Presidential election was a tremendous surprise to all

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 12, 1904.

Charles Scribner's Sons,
153 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly enter my order for fifteen copies of the book on Fetish by F. Hamill Nassau, published by you, and send them to the following addresses, charging the books, together with all mail or express charges to me:

Rev. A. Russell Stevenson, 6 Union St., Schenectady, N. Y.

Rev. Henry W. Maier, 1207 Union St., Schenectady, N. Y.

J. C. Peasley, Esq., 309 Huron St., Chicago, Ill.

R. M. Green, Esq., Burlington, Ia.

J. W. Blythe, Esq., Burlington, Ia.

Rev. Wilton Verle Smith, 29 W. 54th St., New York City.

Rev. Dr. A. V. V. Raymond, President of Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.

Woodrow Wilson, LL.D., President of Princeton University, Princeton, N. J.

Caryl D. Haskins, Esq., c/o General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

W. L. R. Emmet, Esq., c/o General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

Colonel Robert T. Emmet, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Paul Dana, Esq., 1-A Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Gen. Charles L. Davis, 23 Front St., Schenectady, N. Y.

Son. Lyron T. Herrick, Governor of Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, "Personal"

Son. John Hay, Secretary of State, Washington, D. C., "Personal".

Yours very truly,

S.M.H/W

S.M.H.

of us. We knew that Roosevelt would be elected but we had no idea he would be elected by such an overwhelming majority. I hope it will not spoil him.

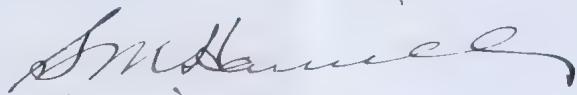
If I only knew how to send you a set of his works I would do so. I can afford the cost of the works but whether I can afford to send them all the way to Africa, I am unable to state. Suppose you let me know.

Brigadier General Charles L. Davis is now living in Schenectady with his wife and daughter and is quite an addition to our society. Schenectady has grown from 18,000, when I came here, to 60,000 and is now quite a city.

General Davis is interested in the Hamill family history and he and I have been looking up some family charts which will be of interest to you. I am sending you one under another cover and you no doubt will be interested in it. This is not complete and is now being revised and brought down to date.

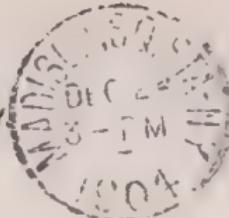
Believe me, with a great deal of love and affection,

Yours very sincerely,



SMH/W
Enc.

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Rev. Robert Hamill Nassau, M.D.,

~~Libreville~~

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~~Kongo Francaise~~
~~Batanga~~

South West

Africa

Rec'd. Dec. 11 1905
Dated Dec. 11 1904

from
Rev. J. E. H. Morris

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Rev R. Hamill Hassan M.D, STD.
to Mess Charles Scribner's Sons
153-157, Fifth Avenue
New York
U. S. A.

10 Queen's Park Sterling
11 Dec 1904

My dear Dr. Nassau

When I ^{admitted} saw your book on "Ethiopia in West Africa" I took ^{no} time in getting it and have now read it with great pleasure. It has just occurred to me that while I have kept always remem-
bering you - you with your more stirring and fuller life may very well have / my other rec- I met you repeatedly in my Uncle's in Glasgow. - My Uncle was George Thomson who went out to the West Coast of Africa later and died there. I recall on one occasion you & I together were out at Murray place paying an evening call on my other Uncle Mr Alexander Thomson and coming home - having through a blunder of mine - necessitated all you to walk nearly the whole distance - and you had a sprain -

Until this book came out the last point I had heard of you was - of all places in the world - in the Orkney islands

In the summer of 1893 my wife and I spent a month on the island of Iauday on the pier near the head land on the West Coast of Africa and I was there 11 years ago & I am sorry to say I have forgotten his name. We were about to sail to Iauday and then of the Wherry Isles and the boat was unable to get the pier near so kindly asked us into his house - I saw "Crowned in palm Land" - V that led to ^{is your known} greetings -

I do not know anything of our family history during the long interval since I, at any rate, have heard any thing of you & yours directly - My Aunt Emily passed away in March 1901 - My Cousin Miss Jessie Thomson still stays on in Hincsby with her niece my Cousin Williamson daughter - He as you remember died shortly after my Uncle John - Kelvinburgh is a suburb of Glasgow about twenty five miles down the river Clyde and a very pretty place - However

as her niece Maggie is about to go out to Calcutta to get married. Do not know how Jessie will get on. Of my Uncle Alexander's family the oldest son, married a Mr Forrest a ^{of the other} Blackie in Kelvinwork. The other two daughters are married and live at Newlands a suburb of Glasgow - John the older son has got into a capital business as an architect - Michael the younger son became an engineer & died leaving a widow & one child - Kate the youngest daughter is still unmarried. My Uncle John's widow married again and is a second time a widow

as to myself I have been something of an author - I wrote a book on Jewish apocalyptic literature, which was well received also a commentary on the book of Daniel - I was for over a year a missionary in Palestine but have now retired and am staying in Sterling &

I was greatly interested in your book on Gobekli as it re-

called some conversations I had with you on the subject. I remember when a student in D'Caïrd's ~~class~~ class in Glasgow. I told him that the *Feticidium* of Hæckel and Comte - or for that matter of Hæckel - did not exist on the West Coast of Africa. Quite recently I read 'Medewi & Cunig's' Sifford Lecture at the Meekay of Kelvingrove and he had been led to take the view of *Feticidium* that you advocate.

I shall send this to your London publisher in the hope that he will be able to forward it. By the way, please let me know about yourself when you find time. How is your sister? I last saw her in Liverpool. Believe me -

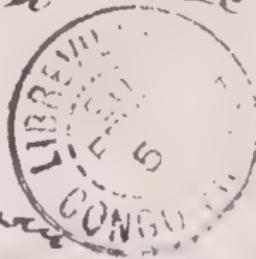
Yours, sincerely
J. H. Newman.



Mission ~~for~~ American Batanga
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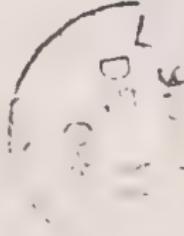
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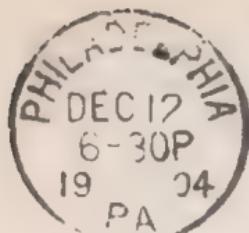
position. I pray however
be your own anchor. I will
help you free as you can
only by giving you such money
I want if you return to me
surely you have for a greater
period past been ~~in~~ ^{under} the
poor boy sick. I do
not want ~~you~~ ^{you} to go
a case of off again
one again gone again
I hope you will remain
me and help for the
time. I will not neglect
you more and as
good as and what

continuing from last
letter you will
find that the
adventure I
described to be
unpleasant had
done the girl
no harm for nearly
the last year
she has been
able to go
about and has
had no more trouble

the following morning
the children were at
play in the garden.
I took my wife &
myself up in the
cabin of the boat to the
island. The boat was
well built and
the children were
very anxious to get

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to the Prairie ahead
so I returned to
Mary on the last
of the last day in
order to go with
her shortly to Charles
apartment to the Pres.
Methodist Hospital she
has gone to see Dr. Sch.
and on the back of the
in town will see George
will also see Hobart
Patterson Charles
and now I hope you
will understand



Rev. Robert Hamill Nassau
Libreville
~~Gabon~~
Mission ~~Amour~~ W. Africa
Batanga via Kameroy

Rick French 6th 1905-

Dated Dec. 12th 1905



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
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Dear Dr. Nassau:

It is not often
that I must confess such
laughable negligence on my
part shown in reference to
your great kindness. Long
ago I should have written
to you in acknowledgment of
your excellent library
and your most valuable
book. I just waited
until I had read every page
of the book - and then I
wanted for an opportunity
to see Mr. Hamill. The
latter privilege was offered
me at a meeting of the
Board of Directors of Princeton

Seminary - but a strange
turn of affairs made it im-
possible for me to speak with
him. The Mr. & Mrs. Hamill
promised to dine with us
on Friday night, the day
ago - but in the afternoon
a despatch told us of
Mrs. Hamill's temporary
illness. Again last
Wednesday we were to meet
at Dr. Libbey's in Princeton
- & were disappointed -
Well, - I had hoped that
we might have found by
this time something of
interest to communicate,
and am allowed to
confer our failure -
However, I can write
this line to assure you
of my affection & your

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
GERMANTOWN, PA.

Send remembrance - and
to express my admiration
of your remarkable book.

I am presenting a
copy to our Young People's
Society at the annual
meeting tonight - and
three other copies next
week to friends as
Christmas remembrances -
The book will accomplish
much good - and be
of great service in the Master's
cause. Your son Charles
has applied for the position
of surgeon in the Presbyterian
Hospital. I have found

much pleasure in
cordially commanding
him to the members
of the Board of Trustees.
There seem to be other
applicants - but we are
doing all we can.

Mr. Edmon and the
little ones are all
well - send you
the season's best wishes
and an affectionate greeting -

Cordially.

C. L. R. Edmon

12-12-04.

Form 40.

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[Praise of our
"Felicities"]

N.Y.
This are
Yours
Dear Mr. Long
Please
return
short my time
flattered by
nature &
to his

M.

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Jan. 30th, 1905.

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Batanga, Kamerun, West Africa.

My dear Dr. Nassau:-

I enclose a review of your book "Fetichism in West Africa" which appeared in "The New York Times" of January 14th. I hear the book very favorably spoken of.

The Twelfth Annual Conference of the Representatives of the Foreign Missions Boards of the United States and Canada has recently been held in New York. Officers and members from all the leading Boards of both countries were present and the Conference was interesting and helpful to an unusual degree. The papers were carefully prepared and the discussions were frank and full. Of course you will receive in due time a printed copy of the proceedings. Some very serious problems were considered. It is hardly possible to state yet what conclusions will ultimately be reached on some of these problems, but we are feeling our way along trying to learn by experience. A distinct advance movement was the discussion on the appointment of a general committee on Reference and Arbitration. The purpose is to bring the various boards into closer co-operation. As a member of that Committee I have a special interest in it and we earnestly hope that some practicable benefit to the whole work will result. Organic union may yet be a long distance in the future, but I hail as a favorable sign of the times every movement toward closer fellowship, and I feel that whenever we have a chance to bring our work into more effective and harmonious relations, we ought to take advantage of it.

Cordially yours,

A. J. Brown

Enc.



The Rev.
Robert Hamill Nassau, D. D.

Batanga

West Africa.

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Rev. Robert Gurnill Hassan, D.D.

Batanga, W. Africa.

My dear Dr. Hassan:

It interests me very much to learn that you have got a book on ~~Islam~~ Islam; & when it was published I was glad to meet with several printed notices of it that were warmly appreciative of its value. I purchased a copy, as soon as I could. This was at no so or soon after ^{the} start of my tour, when the hold money had sold all our first money, & I had to wait until my ^{the} income more. I promptly read it, & all the more, with great interest, & have found it very informing & instructive. For I was in the class that you have found entertaining views of a religion of the African races that needed such correction as you have given. Those notions were too purely contemptuous. You teach us that ~~Islam~~ Islam is religion radically dead & all pervasive in its surface aspects. We must desist our contempt. But in what alternative shall we name the religion that takes the place of it? I cannot call it respect except by a stretch of expression. I am also reluctant to use that word, because those who most insist what is called conservative religion use it in a sense that accords false religions a respectability that Christianity denies. Paul had no respect for the idolatrous religions of the Gentiles, & conceded no respectability to them. But we

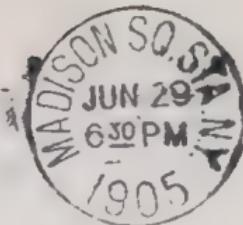
was far from treating them with contempt. He treated them with the utmost seriousness; & that is incombustible with contempt. He said: "they worship demons"; & he said: "we wrestle against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in heavenly places." I have noted with great satisfaction that such has been your way in your ministry, & that your book impressively teaches the same to all.

But in reading your book I have constantly thought of you, with wonder at the grace of God that disposed you to spread the gospel in the ears of the Africans, & that has sustained you, & has caused you to see cheering results of conversion. For all this I am devoutly thankful to God in Ht. And when thinking this way I equally associate with you Miss Bassau. And when I reflect how impossible it ever would have been for me to dare such things, I feel now great is the debt we, your fellow believers, owe to you for doing what ought to be done by the church in the name of One who died for all.

My simple object in writing now was to thank you for your book, & to express the hope that there may, some day, be many evidences of its doing good. Among these evidences may there be what I am sure you will value most, I mean a vast increase of effort & means to further the evangelization of Africa, for which you have been ready, day, down your life. Truly
John T. Worcester.

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The Rev. Robert H. Nassau, M. D., D. D.,
Batanga, Kameruns, West Africa.

My dear Dr. Nassau:-

The pressure incident to the close of our fiscal year is as you know always heavy. I have the privilege of correspondence with thirteen missions and four hundred and fifty missionaries, and this means of course a great amount of official correspondence and much labor in handling estimates and making out new appropriations, studying and presenting to the Board the minutes of the annual meetings of missions and writing the letters which they call for, preparing reports for the General Assembly, etc. Then came the General Assembly itself, taking ten days and this was soon followed by the annual conference with newly appointed missionaries taking ten days more, and that in turn by what I might call an itinerating trip to Indiana. Amid all there have been articles to write and many speeches to deliver on various occasions and various places. However, I have kept up promptly all my correspondence with the missions and every request from the field requiring attention by the Board has been immediately attended to. But my personal correspondence with individual missionaries has become somewhat congested, so that I now am rather dismayed to find that I have not yet acknowledged your letters of February 18th, March 17th and May 4th. Each letter, however, was read immediately on its arrival.

It is a pleasure to know that you are so gratified by my review of your book. I have re-read several parts of the book since I wrote you, and my original impression as to its value has only been strengthened. It is admirable in every way.

We appreciate the perplexity of the questions to which you refer in your two later letters. Dr. Halsey did not complete his report until last week. A meeting of the Africa Committee was immediately called, the Committee having recently been enlarged by the admission of several additional members. The Committee met the 22nd instant and considered quite a number of the matters referred to in the Minutes of the Annual Meeting, and the report of Dr. Halsey. Of course it was ~~next~~ easy to reach conclusions on most of them and those conclusions will be sent to the field in a mission letter as soon as they are passed upon by the Board at its next meeting. Of course the Board may change them in some respects, but they will go in the form finally adopted.

There was a long discussion of the questions raised by your resignation. The Committee felt, however, that the issues were too large and serious to be hastily decided. There was a very manifest feeling on the part of all to consider the matter from the view-point of your interest as well as from the view-point of the Mission. The Committee did not appear to feel that the way was clear to close the matter at that meeting and so it was deferred for further consideration at a meeting to be held in the fall after the members of the Committee return from their vacations. This will mean that the Board can take no action until the third Monday in September as that will be the first meeting after the vacation season, and it is quite possible that action will not be taken until the following meeting which will be held the first Monday in October. You may be sure, my dear Doctor, that we shall move carefully in this matter with due regard to all the interests that are involved. The members of the Committee who expressed themselves on the subject feel as I do and as Dr. Halsey and all my colleagues feel that your long and honorable service in the mission field entitled you to the utmost consideration.

I am concerned ^{about} ~~by~~ the health of your beloved sister. I fear

from reports that she is far from well. Will you not give my kindly salutations to her. I am glad to know that you and she remain together at Batanga. It is evident from Dr. Malsey's Report that it was expedient to make a good many changes at Batanga, but personally I feel that someone ought to be there, and I am glad that you and Miss Nassau are on the ground to look after the various interests that are involved, while the question of its future is being worked out.

We have recently received the Mission cable regarding the return of Mr. Kerr, and it will be presented to the Board at the first opportunity. Especial consideration was given to the desire of Dr. McMillan to return to the field and careful inquiry was made in the communities in this country where he has lived since his return from Africa. Nothing developed reflecting upon his Christian character, but it appeared to be the consensus of opinion that it would not be wise to appoint him to Africa and the Home Department Secretary was obliged to write to him to that effect.

Just now the excitement over the impending close of the Russia-Japan war is absorbing the attention not only of Washington, but of the whole country. You doubtless know from the newspapers that you get from home that President Roosevelt, with characteristic straight-forwardness, wrote to the Governments of Japan and Russia his earnest desire and the earnest desire of the whole world that the slaughter of war should cease, and that the two belligerent powers should enter upon direct negotiations with one another for the establishment of peace. Japan made a prompt and wholly satisfactory reply. Russia, as usual, made a reply which appeared to be somewhat evasive. However, both Governments have now agreed to appoint plenipotentiaries and they are to meet here in Washington the first of August. Everybody praises President Roosevelt, and telegraphic dispatches from Europe indicate that his accomplishment in this direction as centered upon him the attention of the whole civil-

ized world. It is regarded as a great thing that the American Government should have taken the initiative in this matter and the result will surely be to enhance the influence of our country abroad.

Just what the outcome will be, however, it is difficult yet to state. Efforts to bring about an armistice have failed and so far as we can judge from the closely censored dispatches from Manchuria, another great battle has already begun. It is plain that the Japanese do not trust the sincerity of the Russians and that they are not disposed to sacrifice the military advantage of their position until peace negotiations have been formally begun in Washington. Japan has bitter reason to distrust the Slav, and the tenor of the Russian replies to President Roosevelt's overtures gives some ground for the continuance of that distrust. Still, while another great battle is evidently to be fought, all indications point ~~now~~ to the early ~~close~~ of the war. The defeat of Russia has not only been decisive, but overwhelming. There is something fascinating and yet something appalling in the crushing overthrow of the Russian fleet by Admiral Togo. It is generally considered the greatest naval battle in history and the amazing thing of it is that a fleet which in its material equipment was regarded by naval experts as equal to the Japanese fleet, should have been practically annihilated with virtually no loss at all to the Japanese fleet.

We have every reason to thank God over the result, for Russia stands for despotism not only political but intellectual and religious, while Japan, with all her faults, stands for the open door in the far East. The triumph of Russia would have closed Korea to the outside world and would have retarded for centuries the development of China. But the victory of Japan means that Korea and North China will be more widely open than ever before to the great transforming influences of the

(Nassau).

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modern world and to the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And so we have still another reason for saying that God reigns.

Please remember me cordially to your sister. May God lovingly bless you both.

Affectionately yours,

A. J. Brown



Rev. R. H. Hassan S. J. D.

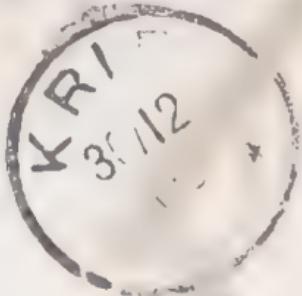
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My dear Brother.

Your good letter of Aug 25th should have had a more prompt answer. It followed me about and did not reach me until our arrival in America. You were especially interested in the news it contained in regard to Mary's coming to New York. I waited, therefore, to get her address and to have an opportunity of seeing her before writing. We finally met a few days ago, as she took dinner with us. We think her

such a sweet attractive girl and shall
hope to see her frequently. She seems
very busy and happy in her studies,
and I've no doubt she has been wise
in the selection of her future vocation.

It amused me to find that little
Mary had outgrown her cousin
Mabel as she is taller, and
slight graceful figure accentuates
the difference.

I regret to say I have never received
the copy of the "Westminster" con-
taining an account of the "march
across the athletic field," but Mabel
read it in Princeton and I will
get it to read as soon as I can.

The newspaper may still be forwarded to me from London. We became very tired of our European wanderings and returned home sooner than we intended, and as there was a little confusion in regard to our mail.

It seems incomprehensible to me that the younger missionaries are not glad to profit, in many ways, by the experience of those who have been as long in the field as you and Sister Bella. The deference due to age and experience does not seem to be properly given at home or anywhere else by the present generation - and this lack must, I should think, have as bad an effect on

on the natives as it does on the young people in this country.

In the Outlook, I am sending you will find a programme of the Inter-church Conference and also one of the Federation of Church Clubs. which may interest you. The little flags ^{like} enclosed one, were passed in the audience so that all present could wear them during the evening. Is it not time for the churches to take up the work of Federation and Civic Brightness more strenuously? —

Mabel and I are spending the winter in New York, so that she can study and do some settlement work. We are

boarding in a little Apartment Hotel. Eleanor who cannot live in a large city, on account of her asthma, is in Springfield on a visit with Miss Foss. We hope to arrive during the winter to some conclusion about getting a home somewhere in Berkshire, Massachusetts, as Eleanor is better in the country than elsewhere.

Mabel was visiting last month in Philadelphia at Dr. Keenison may have heard of him as he is the well known brain specialist. While there, she saw Bessie and the new baby. She also called on Charlie at his office, seeing him

there as well as at a dinner at Dr. Keens, to which of course Bessie could not go. It seems Brother that your branch is the only one to perpetuate the family name. I am particularly pleased that a son has come to Charlie.

Hoping that you and Sister Bella will not overwork yourselves towards the close of your work in Africa, and that your preparations will go satisfactorily
I am with loving Christmas greetings and many good wishes for the coming year for you and Sister Bella
November 24th 1905
Lovingly your sister
Ellen Bassett